

REMARKS

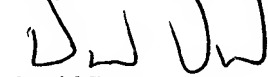
Claims 1-41 and 43-44 are pending upon entry of the foregoing amendments. Claims 1-2, 9, 12-14, 24, 27 and 43 have been amended. A telephone interview between David Dow and Examiner Barker was conducted on January 19, 2006 during which the November 2, 2006 Office Action was discussed. In the Office Action the Examiner indicated that if the claim scope were amended so that the only heterocyclic groups included were 4 or 5 membered nitrogen-containing heterocycles, that the claims would be drawn to allowable subject matter. In light of the elected species, and the discussions during the interview applicant presents an amendment whereby the heterocyclic groups in the pending claims would correspond to 5- or 6- membered rings containing S or O. There being no new matter, entry of these amendments is requested.

Applicants agree and respectfully request that the non-elected, dependent method claims of Group II (claims 28-32) be rejoined with the examination of the product claims of Group I in the event that such product claims are found to be allowable.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is now in condition for allowance and earnestly request such action.

If any points remain at issue which can best be resolved by way of a telephonic or personal interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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